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For : A SURVEYING INSTRUMENT HAVING AN OPTICAL DISTANCE
METER AND AN AUTOFOCUS SYSTEM, AND A SURVEYING
INSTRUMENT HAVING A DETACHABLE AUTOFOCUS SYSTEM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 20, 2005, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on March 20, 2006, and having been extended by one month to April 20, 2006 by the accompanying one-month Request for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this document.